



# Friday 15th October 2021

## Achievements

## This week:

Martin de Porres:  
Reception Class  
stars: Libby,  
Pearl, Albie

Year 1 Class Stars:  
Dylan, Alice,  
Emilio  
HT award -  
Michaela, Nela,  
Jackson and  
Nicolas

Year 2 Jacinta:  
Class Star: Lila  
HT Awards -  
Grace, Harry,  
Tereza, Ella,  
Jacob, Alfie,  
Samuel

Year 3 John Paul  
II:  
Class Star: Lorcan

Year 4 Faustyna:  
Class star - Alex

HT Awards -  
Stephanie S,  
Elissa, Eddia

Year 5 Teresa:  
Class Stars:  
Rohama, Aidan  
HT award - Aidan,  
Adam

Year 6 Drexel  
Class star: Harry K  
& Bella

Today I received a visit from a group of 6 Drexel pupils who proudly showed me their Black History books. Each day the children have been learning about an inspirational Black person – whether a modern Briton, like Paralympian Kadeena Cox, or world influencer like Bob Marley. They have also listened to music from Black musicians from Louis Armstrong to Stormzy and expressed their views on Black art. In true cross-curricular fashion, the pupils are learning about people from different periods in history, different spheres of influence (politicians, scientists, footballers etc.) and being given a chance to reflect and express their opinions. I was also impressed by the amazing artwork as they have been sketching each person. The children all told me how much they love the topic!  
Our Black History 'Month' isn't going to end at half term. We will continue to build on this. I would also like to extend the idea to encompass a diverse range of other inspirational figures.

A particular highlight of the week was Year 5 Teresa's One World Celebration. One World is an annual event, led and hosted by St Michael's. However, unfortunately it has had to be cancelled in the last two years due to Covid. We did not want the children to miss out, so Year 5 prepared their own celebration, to share with families and the other classes. The children guided us to reflect on what it means to be part of God's family: a global family. The worship culminated in the most fantastic performance of 'Jerusalem' – a truly joyous celebration of dance, song and drums! As ever, the event was extremely well supported by our families who, after the worship concluded, joined the pupils in singing and dancing!! It was amazing to have pupils, staff, parents, grandparents and guardians all having fun together!

Next week we will be holding our first Parents' Consultations. As you know, we are trialling a new, online booking system with automated telephone appointments. The system does not allow any flexibility on the length of call. So, if you have any issues/concerns which are likely to take longer than 10 minutes, please make a separate appointment with the class teacher. The focus of the meeting will be how your child has settled into their new class, their general attitude towards learning and the progress they are making in the Core subjects. As with anything new, there are bound to be some teething problems, but we hope you will bear with us!

From Monday are altering our lunchtime plans. Instead of grouping children by class, we will be offering Years 2-6 a choice of zones, with a different focus. Pupils will choose from Forest School, Climbing Frames/Witch's Hat, Football and Free Play Equipment (e.g. Hoops, Skipping, Bat & Ball). There is also still the chance for children to sit and chat in a 'Quiet Zone'. Numbers for each area will be limited, so every child might not be able to get their first option every day. However, we hope that it will give pupils greater choice and the chance to build friendships across year groups.

On Tuesday the PTA are holding another 'Break the Rules Day'. This was a phenomenal success last year and one of the children's favourite events. The PTA will send out a flyer with rules, which the children can opt to break for money! As well as being a great fundraiser, it is also brilliant fun!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
Ms Kane

Be who God created you to be and you will set the world on fire.



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This week in the Unit we have been using adjectives to describe the colour monster in English. We have focused on writing full sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In Maths, we have been using number lines to support us when solving addition problems. In Art, we have explored primary colours and colour mixing to create our own colour monsters!

In Year 2 this week, we have thought about the importance of forgiveness. We talked about Beginnings and created music and dance to retell the Creation story. In maths, we learnt about fact families. In English we read 'Ruby's Worry' and looked at unfamiliar words in the story. We thought about the things that worry us and shared what to do when we were worried. We talked about key figures in Black History and how they helped to make the world a better place.

in Year 3, we have been focusing on developing our use of adverbs to enhance our descriptions. We have looked at a range of newspaper reports and even had a go at coming up with our own headlines - these were hilarious! In Maths, we had a go at telling the time with accuracy. A majority of us are able to now tell the time in 5 minute intervals - tricky stuff! Science has been 'rocking' this week! We looked at a range of rocks and identified what they are used for.

This week in Year 4 we have been working on our times tables. To do this, we have used resources to represent our times tables in different ways as well as using Hit the Button on the laptops too! We finished our week in maths by playing the incredible board games that had been created for home learning. In English, we wrote setting descriptions of Pompeii during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We made sure that we included synonyms, fronted adverbials and similes in our work too! We learnt about Jesus' family tree in RE and about the functions of our teeth in Science.

This week in Year 5 all the excitement was about our "One World" celebration. We were absolutely buzzing on Tuesday and we thoroughly enjoyed performing in front of our parents who joined us in the celebration. In RE, we completed a final assessment task based on Fratelli Tutti and showcased all our learning with an extended piece of writing! This week we have had a selection of early morning music from some influential and inspirational black artists like Micheal Jackson, Bob Marley and Beyonce to celebrate Black History Month. We also learned about some inspirational British black personalities and did Guided Reading tasks to learn more about them. In Maths, we practiced a few more long multiplication sums to secure our learning. We also enjoyed our practical Science lesson on reversible and irreversible changes and did some experiments as a class to secure our understanding! An very exciting week for us indeed!

In Year 6, we have created our own creatures ready to make our own class version of the Spiderwick Chronicles. We then drafted our reports using all of the success criteria we have learnt and will be publishing them next week. In Maths, we have been looking at converting between units of measure. We looked at metric units as well as converting between miles and km. In RE, we completed a final assessment task based on Fratelli Tutti and really impressed Miss Bowler with all of our learning! We then began our new unit based on "loving" where we have analysed a piece of scripture from Corinthians and wrote our own psalms based on the qualities that God possesses. We have loved creating our Black History Month journals and have taken such pride in creating our entries. We are looking forward to adding more in the coming weeks.